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December 1, 1978

Mr. Charles D. Fleetwood 5329 Sugar Hill Drive Houston, Texas 77027

Dear Mr. Fleetwood:

Frontier life was still flourishing in southeastern Montana as late as the 1920s. Especially in the area around the Tongue River.

This remaining pocket of the Old West embraced the ranch of Edmund Randolph, a twentieth-century pioneer. Randolph wrote the story of his years of ranching and called it "Hell among the Yearlings."

Because we believe that you will relish his rollicking tale, we selected it for the 1978 edition of The Lakeside Classics, the seventysixth in the series and the first by a still-living author.

Sending a book of Donnelley manufacture is an amnual custom that began in 1903. It is a company tradition that we cherish and believe has brought pleasure to our friends through the years. Your copy is now on its way to you with my sincere good wishes for the holidays.

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December 7, 1978

Mr. Herbert A. Engel, Vice President R. R. Donnelley & Sons Company 2122 York Road Oakbrook, Illinois 60521

Dear Herbert:

I appreciate the gift of the 1978 volume of the Lakeside Classics dealing with Edmund Randolph's experiences as a rancher in the Tongue River country of Montana. I am sure I will enjoy it as I have fished for trout several times in this area. Thank you very much.

Is the Lakeside Press interested in knowing about important diaries relating to Colonial America now long out of print? If so, I would like to suggest for your consideration the "Diary and Autobiography of Edmund Bohun", the first Chief Justice of South Carolina. Only 300 copies were printed in 1853, and it is doubtful if more than 20 of these survive. One copy is in the possession of my cousin, Dr. Robert E. H. Peeples of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. I quote from a recent letter from him to me:

". . . As soon as you recover from publishing "Chronicles of Fleetwood House" I want to again urge you to consider the 'Diary and Autobiography of Edmund Bohan', our ancestor and first Chief Justice of South Carolina. Reprinting it would be a technical challenge, but the history it contains is too rare to allow to fade into dust and be forgotten. You would be excited to hold it, realizing that your cousin put it together 125 years ago to preserve the facts it contains -- with sketches from Westhall built in 1570. . . ."

This deals in part with English history, but it also gives a memorable picture of the early beginnings of the planter society which flourished in the lowlands of Colonial South Carolina.

If you have any interest at all, I will be glad to put you in touch with Dr. Peeples.

Meanwhile, please accept my sincere thanks and very best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season.

Sincerely,